



Provider Communication

Subject: DME Program Specialist	Priority: High
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Dear Provider:

Dear DME and Pharmacy Provider,

Effective immediately, the **units** on **all claims** submitted for purchase procedure code **A4253**, (glucose test strips) must be billed as one (one) unit per one (one) box of 50 test strips.

Also, claims for purchase procedure code **A4259**, (lancets) must be billed as one (one) unit per one (one) box of 100 lancets.

Prior approvals granted for additional supplies must also be billed in units of one (one) unit per 50 test strips for A4253 and (one) unit per 100 lancets for A4259.

The submitted charge must be equal to the price of the box. The maximum allowable for A4253 is \$32.00 per unit, (one box of 50 strips) and for A4259 is \$9.00 per unit, (one box of 100 lancets).

This pricing methodology was revised to be consistent with the Medicare billing procedure in an effort to expedite the processing of crossover claims. We appreciate your assistance and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have questions, please contact Patricia Ross, DME Program Specialist at (404) 656-4035.

Sincerely,

The Department of Community Health